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Military Work on Island near the Port of Burgas - December 1953

1. During the summer of 1953, work of an unidentified nature (probably military) was carried out on a little island in front of and close to the port of Burgas.
2. The islet, which has a small inn and a few civilian homes, was popular for summer excursions of Burgas citizens.
3. Since this work started, access to the island has been forbidden to civilians and police and military personnel patrol the shoreline in boats. It is not known whether the residents of the island were evacuated.
4. Almost every day, convoys of small naval auxiliary vessels drawn by tugs leave Burgas in the direction of the island transporting iron, cement, wood, etc. Most of these ships are entirely of cement construction and were built in the Varna shipyards.

Air Raid Shelter at Boyana - September 1953

5. In September 1953, the final work was under way on the construction of an air raid shelter dug into the northern slopes of Mount Kamatsi, which is part of the Vitosha mountain chain. The shelter is equipped with electric lights, running water, health services, etc. and will accommodate about 1,000 persons. Fixed concrete seats and masonry shelves have been constructed along the walls.

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New Road South of Sofia

6. Construction has been completed on a road seven or eight kilometers long connecting the Boyana and Dragalevtsi suburbs of Sofia. The road is about five meters wide, has a natural surface, and follows a mountain path not previously passable for automobiles. Prior to this time, motor travel between the two villages required a roundabout route requiring much additional expense of gasoline and time.

1. [ ] Comment: [ ] information concerning the air raid shelter [ ], in view of the construction characteristics, the shelter would probably be used as a shelter for high military commanders or important government officials in case of an emergency. This information is confirmed by other reports.

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